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CODE OF ETHICS

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University President Stan Rives has invited all members of the EIU community to express their views on a draft Code of Ethics for University personnel.

The first of three open sessions to discuss the proposed Code of Ethics will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, in Eastern's Lumpkin Hall, Room 17. The others will be Monday, Oct. 21, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Lumpkin Hall, Room 127, and Thursday, Oct. 24, from 10:30 a.m. to noon in Coleman Hall Auditorium.

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"I invite all members of the EIU community to suggest any further additions, deletions, or other changes to the second draft of the code," Rives said in a memo to all faculty and staff members.

In the memo he said, "During February, 1991, I discussed with the President's Council the possibility of developing a Code of Ethics which might serve as a guide for all of us in the University community. It was my hope that such a code might help to prevent the recurrence of some of the difficulties which we have experienced in the recent past.

"The Council appointed a committee to draft such a code. The members of the committee are Vice President Charles Colbert, Assistant Vice President James Pacino, Dean Barbara Hill, and Professor Robert Barger. Professors Raymond Calabrese, Richard Goodrick, and Stephen Payne were also appointed to act as consultants to this committee.

"The committee produced an initial draft of a code, which the President's Council referred for comment to the major faculty, civil service, and administrative councils which are concerned with personnel matters. The committee then produced a second draft of the code based on the comments which were received from these councils."

After members of the EIU community have suggested further additions, deletions, or other changes to the second draft of the code which was attached to the memo, the committee will make a final revision of the draft of the code, on the basis of the suggestions received, and submit it to the President's Council by the end of this semester. The President's Council will then consider what next steps need to be taken toward the adoption of the proposed code.

Once the code is officially adopted by the President's Council, it will be published as an introductory section to the University's Internal Governing Policies and copies will be made available to all current University employees and to new employees at the time of their employment, Rives said.